

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2610 - SB 2599**

February 18, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes guide signs for recreation sites or cultural interest areas located in counties with a population less than 100,000 along state highways to be for those sites or areas that have a minimum annual attendance of at least 30 percent of the population of the county.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$145,300/FY20-21/Highway Fund**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Transportation (TDOT) *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, Chapter 1680-03-02, to be considered for signing, a destination must be on the intersecting road or accessible without circuitous travel or trailblazing over long distances. In addition, destinations should be displayed only at the intersecting road that provides the most direct and convenient route to the destination, taking into account such factors as distance, traffic volumes and roadway conditions.
- This legislation would authorize a circumvention of these rules and expand what is considered eligible facilities that TDOT is directed to erect signs.
- Eighty-three out of ninety-five counties have a population under 100,000 according to 2010 Census data.
- Determining an exact number of eligible facilities in these 83 counties would require an extensive study.
- It can be reasonably estimated that each would have at least seven eligible facilities.
- A cost of \$250 per state route sized sign for construction and installation.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures from the Highway Fund is estimated to exceed \$145,250 [(83 counties x 7 signs) x \$250] in FY20-21.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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